

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) 2ND ROUND APPLICATION

Please submit a separate application for each project.

PART 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

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PART 2: PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

Please summarize your proposed project in 100 words or less.

Project Title:

Install Playground Climber & Replace Existing Very Old Climber on Sherwood Green

Project Summary: A new large climber would be a wonderful addition to Arden's playground equipment for children aged 6 to teenagers. This climber would be "Safety Compliant" by current Playground Safety Standards, yet very challenging. This climber would be designed for a wide range of ages, and it would have much more "play value" than the present climbers.

Full Project Description:

A large climber would be installed on the Sherwood Green, where it could be used heavily by Arden kids during ACRA in the summer. This would be a wonderful, physically challenging addition to Arden's playgrounds.

In reviewing the ARPA requirements for allowable projects, improving playgrounds on our parks and outdoor places would encourage a healthy, childhood environment, and provide physical challenges and encourage outdoor play after being confined indoors most of the day because of the Pandemic. More challenging playground equipment will attract more families and children to Arden's outdoor spaces, while providing open areas where families and children can socialize is a safe, socially distanced environment. The playgrounds can help can build stronger neighborhoods by providing inviting, safe, and challenging equipment for the children, and allow any accompanying parents to safely socialize.

Over the past three decades, the Village has installed only two new pieces of playground equipment, while it has removed four items for not being Safety Compliant. We feel it is an opportunity to make a substantial investment in new equipment for the families of Arden.

PART 3: PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Project Administrator(s)

Name Larry Walker

Title Playground Committee Chair

Email evlw@earthlink.net

Phone 302-475-1098

Estimated start date June 1, 2022

Estimated end date July 1, 2022

PART 4: PROJECT COSTS

What are the estimated costs of the project? Please attach a minimum of two (2) bids from contractors to this application.

Bid #1

Name of Contractor

Recreation Resource USA

503 N. Walnut Road

Kennett Square, PA 19348

Estimated Cost

Rope Venture Sky 5	5 XL
Equipment	\$27,669.00
Shipping	\$1,224.00
Installation	\$15,125.00
Surface	\$5,734.00
	55'x58'x12" surface
Total	\$49,752.00

Pros & Cons of this Bid

This contractor is a very experienced, well-established installer of playground equipment in the Delaware Valley, and their work is excellent. Unfortunately, the costs of equipment installations has risen dramatically in recent years, so the installation costs might seem high.

Bid #2

Name of Contractor

Buzz Burger Inc

500 S Whitehorse Rd

Phoenixville, PA 19460

Estimated Cost

Rope Venture Sky 5 XL	
Equipment	\$27,669.00
Shipping	\$1,224.00
Installation	\$9,850.00
Surface + Delivery	\$6,500.00
	125 y^3 surface
Total	\$45,243.00

Pros & Cons of this Bid

This installer is also experience and well established. However, they do not sell equipment directly, so it must be purchased by the regional distributor which is Recreation Resource USA. This bid does not include any excavation as opposed to light excavation provided by the other installer.

What, if any, are the recurring maintenance costs for this project?

No recurring maintenance costs, other than routine normal additions of playground mulch annually, and any minor repairs that might be needed.

Are there outside sources of funding expected for this project? If so, please describe below.

None

PART 5: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Please describe any potential conflict of interest here for the Project Administrators or the Contractors of this project. For more information use this link to Arden's Conflict of Interest Policy: https://arden.decs/ConflictOfInterestPolicy.pdf

No known Conflicts of Interest

PART 6: SUBMISSION

Attach further information as needed.

Return no later than April 1, 2022 to the Arden Community Planning Committee at Planning@Arden.Delaware.gov. Or mail to: Arden Community Planning Committee, 2119 The Highway, Arden, DE 199810-4058.

Contact Jennifer Borders, Chair Community Planning Committee, for questions at Planning@Arden.Delaware.gov.